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THE EVENING STAR has a regular and permanent circulation in Washington of more than 10,000 copies. It is the largest paper in the city. As a local news paper and Advertising Medium it has no competitor.

On the eve of leaving Albany for Washington Governor-Senator Hill attempts to settle the issue on which his party is to wage the next presidential campaign. He declares that "babes and sucklings" might find comfort in a doctrine of exclusion of the currency question, but that grown-up democrats (like Governor-Senator Hill) desire to do two things: to decide in favor of bimetallism as defined by the New York democracy in their last platform, and against the McKinley tariff act with its reciprocity attachment. Mr. Hill's Elmhurst speech fairly sizzles with the rhetorical enthusiasm and from the Cleveland point of view bubbles over with gratuitous leadership. The money issue is tendered to the republicans with the manner of a man who wants the people to accept him as the prophet of bimetallism. He challenges the "Sherman" policy of the administration and gets even with Mr. Cleveland and Mr. Cleveland's friends by complimenting the late President with one side of his mouth while winking his eye and pursing up the other side of his mouth in fine scorn. The speech is a tariff negotiated in the market of bimetallism. The tariff is relegated to a back seat or rather sandwiched between heavy layers of bimetallism so that it is completely concealed from view. His whole policy outside of currency discussion is the negative or oblique one of condemning the "McKinley bill." Mr. Hill's point of view is peculiar, not simply in the tariff question but in the whole of his attitude. Everybody thought that Mr. Hill's idea, which was a straddle on silver, was rejected in the state platform of his party and that the anti-silver policy of Mr. Cleveland was adopted. But now Mr. Hill is found pre-empting and planting himself upon that plank and giving it so broad an interpretation that everybody, in and out of the party, can stand on it except the friends of the present law. It will require all of Mr. Hill's strategy and perhaps a greater dialectic and financial skill than Mr. Hill possesses to convince the public that the square-cut declarations of the New York and Massachusetts democrats mean all that he says they mean. That, however, is not necessary for his present purpose. He has no use for a democratic presidential campaign based upon the tariff issue alone, involving inevitably the nomination of Cleveland. And he says so. Like Josiah B. Davis B. is, say, also bold, even audaciously aggressive.

Americans have not accepted the charge that dynamite-burning anarchy has gained a foothold on these free shores. But the events of a few years past, due to lax administration and to the too generous scope of our immigration and other laws, show that the charge is measurably true. There are anarchists, for several of them have been convicted and punished. Chicago and Milwaukee have been troubled by them and now New York gives an exhibition of the working of their ideas, put into murderous practice by a lunatic in whose disordered brain they had found lodgment. The wrecking of Russell Sage's office and the damage in life, limb and property there inflicted is a warning to Congress to extend the principle of exclusion of undesirable immigrants, and to the administrators of law to watch more closely the border as well as the seaboard. The issue on the murderous hand must be stayed by exclusion. The crank is a law unto himself and crazed with fancied wrongs or envious imaginations against all men more successful in life than himself is willing to fall like Samson if he can pull down his enemy in the common ruin.

It is not exaggeration or American prejudice to say that the late Emperor Dom Pedro of Brazil, who died in Paris yesterday, was the best crowned sovereign the world has seen this century. To find his equal in a combination of character, intelligence and philosophic temper the student of history goes back to ancient times, to the reign of Marcus Aurelius and his predecessor, Pius Antoninus. To the people of the United States he seemed while in authority one of the noblest of men, while in exile one of the truest, gentlest and most deserving of personal sympathy. Indeed, it might be said of him as was written of the legendary prince of the Britons, he was "the noblest of kings." He had no infirmity that was not common to men, and all his princely and manly virtues were of the uncommon kind. He crowns a lofty and useful life by the death of the Christian and the philosopher. The world—the advancing world of liberal and democratic ideas—is all the better for his life. He was the true founder of the republic of Brazil.

The people of Washington hear with profound satisfaction the denials that either the Benning or Ivy City race track is to be used for "winter-racing" and pool-room gambling by the notorious establishments which communities to the north of us are expelling as corrupt and demoralizing.

Capt. Russell, in the comprehensive and able review of the local situation contained in his report, puts himself on record in opposition to the steam-railroad grade-crossings. Their abolition is one of the urgent needs of the new Washington, the republic's progressive capital.

The public accept the jury's verdict in the Le Count case as a just finding. The jury believed the wife's story and not that of the husband. It is clearly very fortunate for the holy comfort of Le Count that his wife recovered from the murderous assault upon her.

It is a pity that an effort of the government to dispense with some of the elaborate details that attend the payment of its debts should have met with the discouragement that it did in the case of the checks drawn on the assistant treasurer for pension office employees.

The swindler is beginning his work on the new Congressmen rather early. The appeal to the vanity that is embodied in an invitation to subscribe to a press-clipping bureau is far more delicate than that which appeals to a man's pride over having a baby named after him.

Const. Herbert Biemack is contemplating a visit to America. It is easy to understand that he might be weary with the contemplation of affairs in Europe.

By waiting a little longer the Brazilians might have spared the worthy old monarch Dom Pedro a great heart ache and possibly themselves some difficulty.

The unwillingness to take action in the case of Mr. Brice leaves him in the position that Danmoeves would have occupied if the sword had been suspended by a piece of good stout string.

The American people are wonderfully considerate. The anarchists, nihilists and murderers of other countries are here charitably designated as "vermin."

Candidates are bracing their speakerish bodies with a view to the possibilities of an impending tornado.

There may be something of an economical spirit in the decision of Kansas advocates that Christmas is to be the end of the world.

The Russell case is one of the most disgracefully complacent in the steady procession of London scandals.

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